



Boards, Committees and Councils Under NCDOT

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NC Turnpike Authority — Statutory Issues

⑩ **GS 136-89.182 (c), NC Turnpike Authority “shall be governed by a 9-member Board.”**

- Four appointed by Governor
- Two appointed by President Pro Tempore
- Two appointed by Speaker of the House
- Secretary of Transportation

⑩ **GS 136-89.183 (b), Authority Board “shall determine its policies” to execute the 18 powers granted in Subsection (a), including:**

- Power to fix, revise, charge, and collect tolls and fees — Subsection (5)
- Power to issue bonds or notes — Subsection (6)
- Power to receive and use state and federal appropriations — Subsection (12)

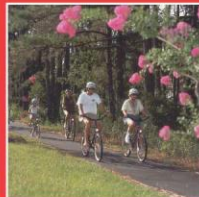
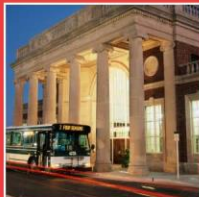
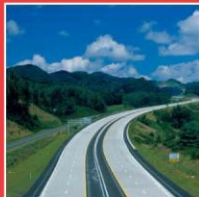


NCTA Board

Current Responsibilities

- Set toll rates
 - Hold current bonds
 - Authorize sell of new bonds
- Transfer of NCTA Board duties considerations:
 - Can be done
 - Would require legislation and coordination on existing projects/contracts





Administration and Streamlining

Historical Cost of Turnpike Authority Board		
Fiscal Year	Expenditures	Meeting Frequency
2008	\$ 7,886.00	Monthly
2009	\$ 3,357.00	Monthly
2010	\$ 3,966.00	Bi-monthly
2011 (to date)	\$ 690.00	Bi-Monthly
Total	\$15,899.00	



NCDOT — Aeronautical Council

General

- 13 Congressional District plus 2 At Large Members
- Appointed by Governor
- 4-Year Term

Established under North Carolina General Statute — Chapter 143B

Qualifications

- 4-members must have broad knowledge of aviation and airport development
- All other — Aviation Background (Civilian or Military)



NCDOT — Aeronautical Council

Role — To advise the Secretary of Transportation:

- Issuance of Aviation Loans
- Grants
- Any other matters the Secretary Refers
- Advocates for Aviation within Communities

Primary Obligations

- Meetings: 6 to 7 Meetings per year
- Attends Annual NC Airport Association Conference





NCDOT — Aeronautical Council

NC Aeronautics Council - Fiscal Year Budget Information					
G/L Account	Description	FY 09-10 Actual	FY10-11 Certified Budgeted	FY10-11 Actuals To Date	FY11-12 Recommended Budget
51651000	Per Diem	\$1,350	\$1,050	\$690	\$1,050
52731000	Board Expense	\$3,174	\$10,099	\$2,720	\$10,099
52732000	Subsistence	\$5,936	\$3,286	\$1,617	\$3,286
Totals		\$10,460	\$14,435	\$5,027	\$14,435





NCDOT — Bicycle Committee

General

- The Secretary of Transportation appoints members
- Seven members appointed / represent two of the 14 divisions
- 4-Year Term

Established by the NC General Assembly in 1977

- Under G.S. 136-71.13 the North Carolina Bicycle Committee was the nation's first legislated, state-level citizens' committee.

Qualifications

- Appointed members represent a complete range of bicycle concerns and interests



NCDOT — Bicycle Committee

Role

- To advise Secretary of Transportation on matters pertaining to bicycles and bikeways
- To adopt guidelines for a safer environment for bicycling
- To promote the best interests of the bicycling public, within the context of the total transportation system, to governing officials and the citizenry at large
- To advise the Secretary on the coordination of bicycle activities





NCDOT — Bicycle Committee

Primary Obligations

- 1) Meetings: 6 per year
- 2) Committee members are actively involved in their areas of representation to communicate with local governments and advocacies on the needs and issues pertaining to bicyclists
- 3) Members actively participate and push bicycle safety awareness and education at the local level





NCDOT – Bicycle Committee

Annual Estimated Cost: \$1,581

NCDOT – Bicycle Committee			
Item	# of Members	Average Cost	Annual Cost
Expenses	7	\$226	\$1,581.00

FY 10/11 Certified Budget - \$2,070

FY 11/12 Recommended Budget - \$2,070





NC Rail Council

§143B-361. Findings.

The General Assembly finds that:

- 1) The rail system in North Carolina is an irreplaceable transportation resource;
- 2) The promotion and preservation of railroads operating within North Carolina as transportation resources and economic development tools is vital to the State's economy, and the continued economic viability of railroads is a necessary part of the free enterprise system;
- 3) A healthy rail system is vital to a competitive State economy, and railroads must be allowed, through effective public policy, to compete fairly in the transportation marketplace and to provide those transportation services for which rail is suitable;
- 4) The preservation of rail corridors, through branch line rehabilitation and State acquisition of strategic corridors, is in the public interest and is an integral and necessary part of a balanced transportation system; and
- 5) As the owner of the majority interest in the North Carolina Railroad Company, the State has a vested interest in the preservation, development, and well-being of the North Carolina Railroad. (1993, c. 483, s. 1.)



NC Rail Council

§ 143B-362. North Carolina Rail Council — creation; powers and duties.

There is created the North Carolina Rail Council of the Department of Transportation.

The Rail Council shall:

- 1) Advise the Governor, Secretary of Transportation, Board of Transportation, and General Assembly on policy concerning the preservation and enhancement of the State's rail system, including the acquisition and management of existing rail corridors, revitalization and rehabilitation of active freight and passenger railways, improvements in rail safety, and promotion of competitive rail passenger services;
- 2) Designate a Strategic Rail System, with the North Carolina Railroad as its foundation, to be approved by the Board of Transportation;
- 3) Recommend to the Board of Transportation funding sources and levels to accomplish the purposes of this act;
- 4) Plan and recommend the distribution of financial assistance for the revitalization of railroads and conservation of rail corridors as authorized in G.S. 136-44.36;
- 5) Plan and recommend the acquisition of rail corridors for future use as authorized in G.S. 136-44.36A and oversee the protection and maintenance of preserved rail corridors;



NC Rail Council

- 6) Otherwise assist in the preservation of the rail system in North Carolina through branch line rehabilitation and revitalization and through corridor acquisition by the Department of Transportation, and encourage cooperation between the Department of Transportation and railroad companies in preserving the linear integrity of strategic corridors;
- 7) Advise the Department of Transportation on the reinvestment in the State's rail system of the annual dividends received by the State from its ownership of stock in the North Carolina Railroad and appropriated to the Department in G.S. 136-16.6;
- 8) Promote and assist in the preservation of rail access to the facilities operated by the State Ports Authority and to passenger and cargo airport facilities; and
- 9) Perform any other duties relating to the promotion and preservation of railroads which the Secretary may recommend.

The Council shall report its activities to the General Assembly by March 1 in odd-numbered years and to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations by March 1 in even-numbered years. (1993, c. 483, s. 1.)





NC Rail Council

§ 143B-363. North Carolina Rail Council — members; selection; compensation.

- a) The North Carolina Rail Council shall consist of 18 members, 14 of which shall be appointed by the Governor, who, in making the appointments, shall designate one person from each of the 14 transportation engineering divisions of the State. Of the members appointed by the Governor, at least two members shall possess broad knowledge of railroad operations, at least two members shall represent local government interests, and at least two members shall represent the interests of shippers or passengers using rail service. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint two members, who may be members of the General Assembly. All members of the Council should have an interest in developing policy for the promotion and preservation of railroads as part of a balanced transportation system.
- b) Nine of the initial members appointed by the Governor shall serve on the Council for terms of three years beginning July 1, 1993. The remaining members shall be appointed for terms of two years beginning July 1, 1993. Upon the expiration of each member's term, a successor shall be appointed for a term of two years. Any appointment to fill a vacancy on the Council created by the resignation, dismissal, or death of a member shall be for the balance of the unexpired term.



NC Rail Council

- c) Each appointing officer may remove any member of the Council appointed by him for the reasons that members of boards, councils, or committees may be removed by the Governor pursuant to G.S. 143B-16.
- d) The Governor shall designate a member of the Council to serve as chairman at his pleasure.
- e) Members of the Council shall receive per diem and necessary travel and subsistence expenses in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 138-5.
- f) Members of the Council shall be subject to the provisions of G.S. 136-13, 136-13.1, and 136-14.
- g) All clerical and other services required by the Council shall be supplied by the Secretary of Transportation. (1993, c. 483, s. 1.)

No Rail Council activity since 1998 (No appointments made) and No annual budget

